THE FALCON FLYER

September 28, 2009



Dear Floral Families,

Thank you to all our first- and second-grade parents for coming out and joining us at Curriculum Nights last week. These are exciting evenings for us, are powerful reminders of the important partnerships between school and families, and exemplify our core value of **working together**. We enjoyed sharing some important background about Floral Street, particularly with our first-time parents. We sincerely hope you were able to glimpse Floral Street from the perspective of your sons and daughters – as parents ourselves, we understand how important this is. Finally, **tremendous thanks go to our teachers** for the thoughtfulness they put into their presentations. We look forward this week to welcoming our third- and fourth-grade parents!

Todd Curtis Lisa McCubrey Principal Assistant Principal

Important Notes:

PTO Notes

Would you like to learn more about the Floral Street School PTO and the opportunities to help in some of the PTO projects that occur through-out the year? Do you have questions about how much time is required and what some of the projects entail? Please join current members of the PTO for coffee and donuts in the cafeteria on Wednesday, September 30th between 9:30-10:30. PTO members will answer your questions about opportunities to get involved, typical time commitments, and how the PTO works to support the Floral Street School teachers and staff. If you have young children, please feel free to bring them as well. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please contact PTO President Lisa Greene at greene6365@townisp.com. Current PTO members include: Lisa Greene, Hannah Kane, Sophia Sweeney, Denise Salmu, Kim Wackell, Jenn Owen, Teri Blum, Jen Mastromatteo, Brenda Buckley, Milissa Pisano, Lee Chipman, and Patti Wolohan.

Parents: Our Fall Fundraiser with **Meadow Farms** ends today. Please get all order forms and money to your child's class by **Wednesday**, **September 30**, **2009**. Thank you for your support. **Macy's Shop for A Cause** tickets are still available to purchase for \$5.00 per ticket. This unique one day shopping pass allows 20% off most items. All proceeds go to Floral Street School. Tickets are available until Thursday, October 15, 2009.

The <u>LAST</u> paper Falcon Flyer!

In order to help the environment **and** save on paper and copying costs in a tough budgetary environment, we ask that you subscribe to our school's "list serv" e-mail list. Notices that are created and sent by Floral Street School will also be sent via this e-mail list. **Beginning** <u>next</u> <u>week</u>, we will move to electronic-only delivery of the Falcon Flyer. Please communicate in writing to your child's classroom teacher if you do not have an internet connection.

In order to get on the list, please go to our homepage at http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/index.php?fDD=12-0, click on the "Parents" link on the right-hand side, and select "Join our List Serv".

Help Wanted – Substitute Nurses

The district is in great need of Registered Nurses to substitute for the School Nurses in our buildings and on field trips. To be eligible to sub, photocopies of current licensure as an RN in Massachusetts, CPR, and AED certificates are required. If you would like more information or an application, please contact the nurse at your child's school or Denise Bairos at the Office of Pupil Personnel and Special Education (15 Parker Rd., 508-841-8660).

Media Matters

The time has finally come! Students will be checking out books from the school Media Center within the next two weeks!

Families will receive the "First Book Letter" either electronically or as a paper copy in the student's backpack. This annual letter explains guidelines for borrowing library books. Please remember, if your child chooses a book that you feel is not suitable, s/he may stop by the media center and exchange it.

Copies of the "First Book Letter" for all grades may be found on the school's web page: Resources-Media Center-Borrowing Books. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mpaine@shrewsbury .k12.ma.us

Sincerely, Martha Paine Elementary Media Specialist

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=20-17

Important Fall Dates:

September 29 Grade 3 Curriculum Night, 6:45 – 8:00 pm September 30 Grade 4 Curriculum Night, 6:45 – 8:00 pm

October 9 No School – Professional Day
October 12 No School – Columbus Day
October 13 School Picture Makeup Day
November 3 Parent Conferences (No School)
November 11 No School – Veterans' Day

November 25-27 No School – Thanksgiving Vacation